

JAMES O'NEIL KILLED.

A Quarrel Ends in the Killing of a Well Known Young Man on the Gila.

There was a killing on the river, at Wm. Wilson's place, last Monday, James O'Neil being the victim. From the various stories told about the affair the following is gleaned: A young man named Harry Styles had been working for O'Neil and some time ago they quarreled. Styles drew a sixshooter on O'Neil, but before he could shoot Mrs. O'Neil stepped between them. Styles quit work with his wages unpaid. There was a dispute between the men as to the amount due, but it was settled that O'Neil owed him fourteen dollars, which he did not pay. Styles went to the house and took a saddle, telling O'Neil to give him credit on account. O'Neil told Styles to leave the country without pay and he would make no complaint regarding the attempt on his life. O'Neil threatened to kill Styles and Styles made similar threats regarding O'Neil. O'Neil went to Gold Hill and secured a warrant for Styles arrest. Judge Colbath deputized Mr. Brockway as a constable to arrest Styles. Constable Brockway, O'Neil and Jas. M. Harper went Monday to arrest Styles. When they got down to Wilson's place O'Neil got off the wagon and Brockway and Harper went to Hill's house, where Styles was supposed to be. As they went in the front door Styles went out the back door, got on his horse and started for Wilson's after his saddle. O'Neil saw him coming and went into the house after a gun. He came out of the front door as Styles rode up. Styles dropped off his horse and both men shot, the shots were so near together that they sounded like one. Before O'Neil could throw another cartridge into his Winchester Styles had cocked his six-shooter and shot again, hitting O'Neil over the left eye, death ensuing instantly. Styles got on his horse, which was shot in the neck, and fled. That same night a saddle was stolen from H. A. Fuller's place, and Fuller thinks Styles took it. Jas. O'Neil was a son-in-law of Jas. M. Harper, and lived on a farm adjoining his. He leaves a wife and two children, one about two years old and the other but two days old at the time of the killing. Some time ago O'Neil taught school in the Mogollon district. Styles has not been captured.—Western Liberal.

One Populist Who Isn't Ashamed of His Party.

MANGAS SPRINGS, Oct. 13.—I am glad to see you are mild and not personal in your treatment of the pops. I am not ashamed of the new party or Mr. Lindauer. I think the democrats ought not to blame Lindauer for working for his party. If he is doing it for spite I can

not find it out. Those who call him boss are possibly dissatisfied aspirants. In the future let them give their names.

When Mr. Catron comes for our votes, ask him how hard he fought for our people in the Peralta grant matter. Tom ought to be a good man; his father was one of Missouri's best and noblest citizens. I would be in to hear the big men speak but the two old parties have made times so hard it has put the Mangas kid (only 70 years old) up to his knees in mud and water, irrigating from early morning until dark. Times are too hard to hire help. My sons are doing all the sheep shearing and farm work to save expenses.

JAS. K. METCALFE.

Hillsborough Flooded.

One of the heaviest floods that ever swept down through Hillsborough occurred last Friday afternoon, being occasioned by a great rainstorm which set in between here and Kingston. Streets became rivers, yards ponds, and the roar of Percha creek might have been heard for miles. The flood waters broke into Hon. Nick Galles' office, then into the residence rooms and office of Dr. Given and family in the same building, covering the floors with mud several inches deep and damaging carpets and furnishings. The house occupied by Mrs. F. W. Mead was flooded and her little possessions almost destroyed. Cellars were filled and wells choked by the mad waters. Fifteen pigs belonging to the Union Hotel dining room Chinamen were swept away and drowned and other losses entailed in different parts of the town among fencing, gardens, etc. Altogether about \$400 damage was done by the flood.—Sierra County Advocate.

While all the mining camps in this section are short on water the Silver City water company has a plentiful supply and this is the first season since the works were put in that there has been water enough for all purposes here. Consumers have not been restricted in the use of water this year either for sprinkling or irrigation.

Grass is reported to be fine in the northern and middle parts of New Mexico this year and cattle there are fat.

The normal school literary society gave its second literary entertainment last Saturday evening. The exercises were of a high standard and reflected credit on the pupils of the school. The evening was devoted to Whittier as the evening two weeks before had been devoted to Longfellow. Each of the students, as the roll was called, responded with a short selection from Whittier and there were recitations of some of his poems and a sketch of his life. The entertainment was highly appreciated by the visitors in attendance of whom there was quite a number. The next meeting of the society will be held on the 27th inst.

Cattlemen are busy looking for range and water for their stock during the winter. Feed is very short in the neighborhood of springs and water courses and the gravest apprehension is felt by stock raisers that cattle will die in large numbers before the grass starts in the spring. Cattle on the ranges in the western part of this county are generally in fair condition and with as good a growth of grass as there was last year they would get through the winter in excellent condition.

Mayor Fleming has been reappointed a member of the board of regents of the New Mexico normal school for the term of five years. Mayor Fleming has taken a great deal of interest in the school and his reappointment was a matter of course. No better selection could have been made.

The lack of water is being felt seriously in the different mining camps in this part of New Mexico. The output of bullion is being very materially affected by the continued dry weather.

Fort Marcy is no longer a military post. The order for its abandonment which was promulgated last month has been carried into effect. The troops are now at Fort Reno, Oklahoma.

Go and hear the Silver City opera company in the Little Tycoon at Morrill hall tomorrow evening.

Court is not being held in Sierra county this month on account of a lack of funds for court purposes.

Diphtheria has made its appearance at Gold Hill.

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